Maxwell, J. S.
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[Pittsburg KS], 1918-1928

August 13th, 1918.

Mr. J. S. Maxwell,
Box 1,
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

The application card showing that we may propose your name for membership arrived a few days ago together with your cheque. Thank you very much. At the next meeting of the Council your name will be presented, after which we will send you a formal notification of their action.

Should you be in New York any time we would be very pleased to welcome you here at the Society's building.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

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Pittsburg, Kans., SEP 10 1918

Mrs Howland Wood
Acting Secy

Dear Sir— Just received your information of Sept 7 that I have been elected an Associate of The American Numismatic Society of which membership I am very proud

Also received receipt for 1918 dues

I note on the receipt that a silver membership medal may be obtained for eight dollars, I am enclosing a draft for that amount payable to John Reilly Jr Treasurer for which I shall be pleased to receive such medal

Very respectfully

J. S. Maxwell

J. S. Maxwell, Box 1,
Pittsburg, Kansas

September 14th, 1918.

Mr. J. S. Maxwell,
Box 1,
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of September 10th with check for eight dollars for silver membership medal has just been received. I am having this medal engraved with your name, and as soon as it is ready, I shall send it to you.

Yours very truly,

Acting Secretary.

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Pittsburg, Kans., JAN 5 1919

Sydney P Noe Secy
Broadway at 156th St
New York City

Dear Sir - Enclosed check $5.00 for 1919 dues per Statement Jan 2 attached

At what time of year is "The American Journal of Numismatics" issued.

Having remitted my dues for 1918 (Aug. 8 becoming a member at that time) would I be entitled to a copy of the 1918 issue?

In a small folder received from the Soc in Aug. is an illustration of a Medal commemorating the declaration of war by the United States. (Subscriptions open to members only)."

Can I obtain one of these, if so at what price, and in what metal?

I see an illustration in the December "Numismatist" of a ten centimes war token of Besancon France, can you tell me how I may obtain one or two of these and at what probable price?

I have a Silver Membership Medal, can I obtain one in Bronze also?

Thanking you for any attention you may give these Questions & Remarks I am Respectfully Yours

J. S. Maxwell, Box 1, Pittsburg, Kan.

P.S. Do members have a number? "If so what is mine please?"

10-259

January 10th, 1919.

Mr. J. S. Maxwell,
Box 1,
Kansas, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Maxwell:-

Your letter of the 5th is at hand enclosing cheque for 1919 dues.

The American Journal of Numismatics is like the publication of almost all scientific societies, a year behind in its issue. The volume for 1917 is being bound at the present time and a copy will probably reach you during the month. The 1918 issue is being gotten together, but it will probably be six to ten months before it gets into your hands.

I regret to advise that we have no longer any copies of the medal commemorating the entrance of the United States into the War. Only the copies ordered were struck. If you care to have me do so I shall be very glad to make a note that you desire a copy, and should one appear in an auction sale would bid up to ten dollars, the price at which we published it, on it for you (assuming that you wanted a bronze copy. Copies in silver were sold for twenty dollars.

Did he order?

I can see no objection to your having an additional membership medal in bronze - would you want this engraved with your name also, or do you desire it merely for artistic reasons. Our members do not have a number.

Regarding the ten centimes war token of Besancon, I beg to advise that a set of two pieces, the five and ten centimes, are quoted at 1 - 25 fr. You should be able to get the single piece at from fifteen to twenty five cents.

I trust this will give you the desired information. Please feel that we are very glad indeed to answer any further inquiries.

Awaiting your reply, I am,

Yours very respectfully,

Secretary.

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Pittsburg, Kans., MAR 12 1919

Sydney Prior Decy Arts
Bdy between 155th & 156th Sts
New York City

Dear Sir —

Please send me two copies of the Lafayette Plague as illustrated in the March "Numismatist" 8.30

And as per your letter of Jan 10th a bronze membership medal not engraved 4.

And if you can get them easily would you please send me two each 5 & 10 centime war tokens of Besançon 1.00(?)

Register for insurance .25(?)

Enclosed my check $13.55

If you can not send the tokens at once will you please send the plague medal now and the tokens later (that is if you can get them at all)

Thanking you very much for your trouble Very Respectfully

J. Maxwell

J. S. Maxwell, Box 1, Pittsburg, Kan.

March 17th, 1919.

Mr. J. S. Maxwell,
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 12th is at hand enclosing cheque for $13.55. Thank you very much.

I note that you have carried out the amount for the two Lafayette plaques at eight thirty instead of five fifteen each or ten thirty, making your cheque just that difference short.

It will take us several weeks at least to get the Besançon pieces that you desire. I am therefore going to ask that you wait until you receive them before sending this difference. I will send you the Lafayette plaques and a bronze membership medal (not engraved) at once, and when the Besançon pieces reach us you can straighten up matters at that time. In this connection I am sending you herewith a copy of a revised list of French war pieces which I think you will be glad to have. We shall have to order these pieces from Ciani for you so if you desire others will you write me at once so that we can include them in one order.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

John Maxwell
Pittsburg, Kansas

Apr 20 1919

Sidney P Noe, Secy
Broadway between 155th & 156th Sts
New York City

Dear Sir—

Thank you for your letter of Mch 17
Beg pardon for $2.00 error
Received the two Lafayette plaques and bronze membership medal OK. Thanks
Thank you for Ciani's War List
Can you get for me his numbers:

10	8 -	Bayonne	1		/
	30 -	Cette	1		/
(37)	37 -	Digoin	3	50	/
	41 -	France, Castelsarrasin	10		/
	42 -	" "	8		
	82 -	Sail-sous-Couzan	1	25	/
	95 -	Unieux	1	-	/
	100 -	Vincennes		50	/
	283 -	Saint-Gaudens	1	50	/

Don't know what these will cost but will make a payment on them of $5.55 / and will pay you the difference on these and the Besançon piece when you advise me of the amount

Am enclosing order for Joan of Arc medals one silver one bronze - - - - 15.00
And my shortage of - - - - 2.00
Am enclosing my check for $ 22.55

This delay in answering your letter of Mch 17th was unavoidable. Thanking you very much for all this trouble
Respectfully Maxwell

April 30, 1919

Mr. John Maxwell
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Mr. Maxwell:

Referring to your letter of April 30, I have today ordered the pieces you desire from Paris. It will probably take nearly six weeks before they arrive, but we will forward them to you as soon as they are received.

Thank you for your order for the Joan of Arc medals. They will be sent you within the coming fortnight. We think they are very successful, and I hope you will be pleased with them.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

May 27, 1919.

John Maxwell, Esq.,
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Maxwell:-

This morning we received from Paris the pieces you asked us to order. I enclose the invoice together with Ciani's letter. You will notice in the second paragraph of his communication he says:

"Since the appearance of our catalogue, certain pieces have become very rare - almost unobtainable, so that in our next edition the quotations will be much higher. In spite of that I have billed these pieces at the old price, except for the pieces of Bartolozzi-Basin, Nos. 41 and 43, (1 fr. and 2 fr.). If your correspondent does not wish to keep these at this price, you are at liberty to return them; these pieces are very rare."

This order for these two at a quotation of 15 francs and 8 francs, we do not feel we hesitancy in returning them. Please let me have your decision, returning the invoice. We will then pass it through our bank for payment, and bill you as to the exchange rate at that time. You will recall that you have already remitted against this invoice $6.55. I would judge that the difference, should you keep the two pieces in question, would be about five dollars.

Awaiting your further favors, I am,

Yours very respectfully,

Secretary.

John Maxwell
Pittsburg, Kansas

June 9 1919

The American Numismatic Society
Broadway and 156th Street
New York N Y

Gentlemen —

As per announcement in the June number of "The Numismatist" please send me one copy each of bronze and silver of "The A. N. S. Peace Medal" for which I enclose my check for $15.30 the 30¢ to cover cost of postage and register for

Respectfully

J Maxwell

John Maxwell
Pittsburg, Kansas

June 27 1919

The American Numismatic Society
Broadway & 156th Street
New York City

Gentlemen —

I just received your announcement of the issue the Peace Medal

On June 9th I sent an order (with my check of $15.30) for one each in Bronze and silver, if you did not receive it please let me know at once and I will send duplicate check.

Am filling in the enclosed card thinking you might rather have all orders on the same form, but remember I want only one of each.

I suppose you have not heard from friend Ciani of Paris concerning my order of Apr 20th?

Will you please tell me the meaning of the word: Melchior (some kind of metal I suppose)

Thanking you for the many favors extended me

Respectfully

J Maxwell

July 1, 1919.

John H[illegible]xwell Esq.,
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Maxwell:-

I have your letter of June 21, and the [illegible] which you ordered has already been mailed you and the Prom[illegible] one I hope to send within a day or so.

Your query in regard to the appointment of Wise from Christ at that investigation as to why these pieces had been [illegible] Wise. I have [illegible] being mailed to you May 27th. My surprise this morning in receiving a package from Bethlehem and opening same to find [illegible] may be imagined. Through a clerical error they had been [illegible] and sent back to Prince and I had just received them this morning. They are being sent you under separate cover together with the original letter which I wrote you at that time. In view of the period which has elapsed, may I have a prompt response from you to the questions raised in your letter.

Referring to your query regarding the word "Melchior" I believe it to be a proper name and refer you to the Encyclopedia Britannica, where a number of references are given. At present I was unable to ascertain in what the name of one of the three Wise men [illegible] Bethlehem, followed the star.

Trusting that from either of these suggestions you may satisfy your quest, and with many [illegible] for the delay due to our error in transmitting the [illegible] from Paris, I am

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

John Maxwell
Pittsburg, Kansas

July 5 1919

Sydney Thorpe Gray Ass
Broadway at 156th St.
New York City

Dear Sir –

Just received coins you mention in yours of 7/1 No apology considered! we all do it, you had it on me first when (on March 12) my remittance was short $2.00

You say in yours of May 27 that my remittance against the Ciani invoice was $6.55 & that $5.00 more would probably cover the difference in price of the 1 & 2 franc pieces. Instead I only sent $5.55 (see my letter 4/20) so am sending $6.00 to cover difference, which if not enough please notify me

Am also enclosing subscription card for two (silver & bronze 1 each) Independence Day Medals ($15.00) and enclose my check for $21.00

Concerning "melchior"; see Ciani's list – his number 17 Bône (Algérie) 1 franc (melchior) this is why I thought it meant some kind of metal – Would you let me know, if you find that it does, thanking you for your other information with best regards

J. Maxwell

Ciani's letter & invoice enclosed

July 8, 1910.

John Maxwell, Esq.,
P. O. No.1,
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Maxwell:-

Thank you for your letter and for your order for one [illegible] and one silver of our Independence Day Medal as well as for the amount to cover forwarding to Chas. I will forward this still [illegible] as soon as I receive the [illegible] of the order for the gill as [illegible] I will refund you a small balance which I have still to [illegible] I hope to send the medals through [illegible] to-morrow.

[illegible] New York shortly, I am

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

July 17, 1911.

John Maxwell, Esq.,
P. O. Box No. 1,
[illegible].

Dear Mr. Maxwell:-

[illegible]
increase in your letter of May 20th, by the estimated amount of $5.55.

I have therefore checked up the whole matter and find that you have set up credits amounting altogether $[illegible], which [illegible] on Paris, to the order of M. Ciani, 71.75 Francs at 5.90 - 10.40. This amount has been forwarded to him and I am enclosing [illegible] of $2.40.

I am sorry that there has seemed to be so many complications regarding this simple transaction but I hope that the enclosed cheque will seem in the nature of a dividend and [illegible] which have been caused by the delay.

I still have your Valentine inquiry before me and hope to be able to send [illegible].

Very respectfully yours,

(Enclosure.) Secretary.

John Maxwell
Pittsburg, Kansas

Nov 17 1920

Sidney P Noe Secy A N S
Broadway Between 155th & 156th Sts
New York City

Dear Sir:

Have had some bronze and silver medals in a display window and they have become tarnished (or discolored) and there are some finger marks on some.

Can I get information any where as to what to use and how to use it to restore them to their original appearance or as nearly so as possible? Also how to clean other metals such as brass and aluminum and how to clean paper money

Have a few very nice medals and don't want to touch them unless I Know I can better their condition

Any information you will be good enough to give me will be very much appreciated Respectfully J Maxwell
A.N.S

November 23rd, 1920

Mr. J. S. Maxwell
Box 1, Pittsburg,
Kansas

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of November 17th and I have communicated with the people who make our medals for us. I am advised by them that if the tarnishing is superficial and the discoloration only slight, the best treatment is to get some "Patina Brown" gun oil, which can be procured at any paint store, and use this with not too much friction on the medals.

You will, of course, have to use discretion as to how far the damage has progressed. If the patina has been affected, this will not suffice as a remedy.

As for paper money - provided the signatures are not in ink that will run, which is usually the case, sponging with warm water either with a soft sponge or with cotton wool, will usually improve their condition. After the have become moist, they should be laid very flat on smooth glass and allowed to dry. The ironing of the paper will remove wrinkles and leave them crisp and much improved in appearance.

I trust this information will prove of use to you.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

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Pittsburg, Kans., APR 11 1921

John Reilly Jr Treasr
Broadway at 156th St
New York City

Dear Sir -

Enclosed my check $5.00 for 1921 dues A N S per enclosed statement

My intention is always to pay immediately on receipt of notice - have been carrying an unsigned receipt since the first of January thinking my dues were paid - am I the only one of your members so stupid?

Don't you think it would be well to issue a little membership card for annual dues?

And would it be better for the notice of dues not to have "Received Payment" printed on it

This is only a little suggestion of a loyal member way out here in the south east corner of the short grass state of Kansas

With very best regards

Respectfully J S Maxwell

J. S. Maxwell, Box 1,
Pittsburg, Kansas

April 14th, 1911

J. S. Maxwell, Esq.
National Bank of Commerce
Pittsburg, Kansas

My dear Mr. Maxwell:

[illegible] s medals will perhaps be [illegible] st to you than some of those which have already been published.

[illegible]

Very truly yours,

Secretary

[illegible]

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Pittsburg, Kans., JAN 6 1922

Sydney P Noe Jr
156th & Broadway
New York City

Dear Sir—

Just want to brag a little—

Recived some Peace Dollars this A.M. JAN 6 1922 - Think that's pretty soon for a short grass Kansan!

Also - with as little trouble to you as possible, would appreciate some information from you concerning ~~the~~ a description of the coin - its designer - number coined in 1921 and number to be coined in 1922 and ~~at~~ what mints ~~will (or have) coined~~ there etc. etc. etc. will coin (or have coined)

Thanks for whatever you tell me

Enclosed check for dues

Best regards

J. S. Maxwell

J. S. Maxwell, Box 1.
Pittsburg, Kansas

January 10th, 1922

Mr. J. S. Maxwell
Box1, Pittsburg, Kan.

Dear Mr. Maxwell:

I have your letter of January 6th, and am glad you have secured the Peace dollar. The artist who designed it is Anthony de Francisci. The number of pieces coined in 1921 was 1,006,473. The newspapers tell us that there are to be changes made in the 1922 issue, and I presume you will have seen some of the discussions regarding the new coin. The February Numismatist will print some, I believe.

As is customary, there is much criticism which seems to hinge rather in discovering what is wrong with the piece than in trying to find any good qualities which it may have.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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Pittsburg, Kans.,
January 14, 1922.

Sidney P. Noe, Secretary,
Broadway at 156th. Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I thank you very much for the information in your letter of the 10th. received today.

More trouble - please:

A, Mr. R. A. Taft, formerly Coxswain U. S. S. Arizona, was in today with twenty-eight small bronze pieces which he got from a young Turk at Smyrna in 1919. Am enclosing them herewith and will appreciate any information you may give me about them and will gladly pay your fee for the service.

For Mr. Taft's information, please tell me what he could sell them for if they have any value.

Respectfully,

JSM:PB

J. S. Maxwell

J. S. Maxwell, Box 1,
Pittsburg, Kansas

John Maxwell
Pittsburg, Kansas

Feb 17 1922

Dear Sir —

I do not like to accept positions unless I can acknowledge a feeling which I do not —

I am one of the majority

Respectfully yours &c &c &c

Mr Taft and I appreciate very much your offering when you will gladly pay your fare to and from Washington

With kindest and best regards

Respectfully

John Maxwell

February 20th, 1922.

John Maxwell, Esq.,
Pittsburg,
Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

In response to your letter of the 17th there is, of course, no charge for the information we gave you concerning the coins belonging to Mr. Taft. We are only too glad to be of service to our members - I only wish we could have told you that there was something rare in the lot.

Very cordially yours,

Secretary.

January 10th, 1924.

Mr. J. S. Maxwell,
Box 1,
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I am herewith returning your cheque for five dollars as it is made out to the Association instead of to the Society. I should be glad to receive another cheque at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

J. S. Maxwell, Box 1
Pittsburg, Kansas JUL 8 1924

The American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th St
New York City

Gentlemen

Per advt in July "Numismatist" please send me a copy of the official catalog of the display held at the Museum of The American Numismatic Society in 1914 for which find enclosed Ny draft $1.00

Respectfully

J. S. Maxwell

Parcel post
7/16/24 Rush

January 13, 1927

Mr. J. S. Maxwell,
Box 1,
Pittsburg, Kans.

Dear Mr. Maxwell:

Herewith I am sending your bill for the 1927 dues.

I find on examination that your dues for 1926 have not been received. This is doubtless an oversight. We should be very sorry to lose you from our list of members. May I not have a word from you?

Very truly yours,

Secretary

HPN:MB
Encl.

October 13, 1927

Mr. J. S. Maxwell,
Box 1,
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Sir:

In going over our records I find that your dues as a member of this Society have not been paid either for 1926 or 1927. I am hoping that this is an indication of some oversight on your part and that it does not mean that you wish to have your connection with our Society severed. Will you be so good as to let me hear from you?

Very truly yours,

Secretary

SPN:MB

January 19, 1928

Mr. J. S. Maxwell,
Box 1,
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

At the meeting of the Council of the American Numismatic Society held on January 13, 1928, a list of those whose dues have not been received for the years 1926 and 1927 was submitted. Your name was among these. I was instructed to inform you that as we have received no response to repeated requests, your name is hereby dropped from our list of members.

If, for any reason, this lack of response is unintentional and you desire to be reinstated as a member, I should be very glad to have word from you to that effect.

Yours truly,

Secretary.

SPM. R